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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX
(1967 = 100) ALL URBAN CONSUMERS

	Annual Average 1983	May 1984	April 1984	May 1983	Percent Change from April 1984	Percent Change from May 1983	Percent Change Projected on Annual Basis
All Items	298.4	309.7	308.8	297.1	0.3	4.2	3.7
Food & Beverage	284.4	293.6	294.5	285.0	−0.3	3.0	−3.7
Housing	323.1	334.6	333.2	321.8	0.4	4.0	4.9
Apparel and Upkeep	196.5	198.9	199.2	196.1	−0.2	1.4	−2.4
Transportation	298.4	312.2	309.6	296.2	0.8	5.4	10.0
Medical Care	357.3	376.8	375.7	354.3	0.3	6.4	3.7
Entertainment	246.0	253.5	253.8	244.8	−0.1	3.6	−1.2

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX
(1967 = 100) UNITED STATES AVERAGE

	Annual Average 1983	May 1984	April 1984	May 1983	Percent Change from April 1984	Percent Change from May 1983
All Commodities	303.1	311.7	311.4	301.5	0.1	3.4
Farm Products and Processed Foods and Feeds	253.9	266.3	267.9	254.7	−0.6	4.6
Industrial Commodities	315.8	323.3	322.5	313.6	0.2	3.1

MANUFACTURING HOURS AND EARNINGS

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	May 1984	April 1984	May 1983	May 1984	April 1984	May 1983	May 1984	April 1984	May 1983
United States									
Manufacturing	371.18	372.60	350.32	40.7	40.9	39.9	9.12	9.11	8.78
Durable	400.34	403.24	377.34	41.4	41.7	40.4	9.67	9.67	9.34
Nondurable	329.08	329.94	315.58	39.6	39.8	39.3	8.31	8.29	8.03
North Dakota									
Manufacturing	304.13	301.06	298.30	38.4	38.4	38.0	7.92	7.84	7.85
Durable	333.30	330.46	311.18	40.4	40.3	38.8	8.25	8.20	8.02
Nondurable	280.02	278.98	287.58	36.7	37.0	37.3	7.63	7.54	7.71
Fargo-Moorhead MSA									
Manufacturing	308.75	310.78	304.30	36.8	37.9	37.2	8.39	8.20	8.18
Durable	321.39	321.47	318.14	37.9	39.3	38.1	8.48	8.18	8.35
Nondurable	299.16	303.03	293.83	36.0	37.0	36.5	8.31	8.19	8.05

LABOR FORCE

	May 1984	April 1984	May 1983	Percent Change from April 1984	Percent Change from May 1983
UNITED STATES					
(In Thousands)					
Labor Force	115,492	114,938	112,619	0.5	2.6
Employment	106,978	106,095	101,431	0.8	5.5
Unemployment	8,514	8,843	11,188	−3.7	−23.9
Unemployment Rate 1/	7.4%	7.7%	9.9%	—	—
NORTH DAKOTA					
Labor Force	339,120	326,860	327,680	3.8	3.5
Employment	324,800	309,410	309,400	5.0	5.0
Unemployment	14,320	17,450	18,280	−17.9	−21.7
Unemployment Rate 1/	4.2%	5.3%	5.6%	—	—
FARGO-MOORHEAD MSA					
Labor Force	77,340	76,350	74,420	1.3	3.9
Employment	74,620	72,910	70,500	2.3	5.8
Unemployment	2,720	3,440	3,920	−20.9	−30.6
Unemployment Rate 1/	3.5%	4.5%	5.3%	—	—
GRAND FORKS MSA					
Labor Force	29,860	29,290	27,100	1.9	10.2
Employment	28,740	28,100	25,860	2.3	11.1
Unemployment	1,120	1,190	1,240	−5.9	−9.7
Unemployment Rate 1/	3.8%	4.1%	4.6%	—	—
BISMARCK MSA					
Labor Force	41,840	41,300	39,810	1.3	5.1
Employment	39,550	38,820	37,630	1.9	5.1
Unemployment	2,290	2,480	2,180	−7.7	5.0
Unemployment Rate 1/	5.5%	6.0%	5.5%	—	—

U.S. data seasonally adjusted; other data not seasonally adjusted.

The Fargo-Moorhead MSA includes Cass and Clay counties, the Grand Forks MSA includes Grand Forks county, and the Bismarck MSA includes Burleigh and Morton counties.

1/ Based on unrounded data.

NORTH DAKOTA EMPLOYMENT BY INDUSTRY

	May 1984	April 1984	May 1983
Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment	252,980	248,460	251,430
Mining	7,670	7,390	6,540
Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas	6,110	5,950	4,890
Other Mining	1,560	1,440	1,650
Construction	15,130	13,130	17,790
Manufacturing	15,110	15,120	14,650
Durable Goods	6,670	6,480	6,340
Nondurable Goods	8,440	8,640	8,310
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	16,260	16,050	16,010
Trade	66,020	64,950	66,270
Wholesale	19,640	19,400	20,380
Retail	46,380	45,550	45,890
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	12,100	12,060	11,870
Services	56,830	56,910	55,540
Government	63,860	62,850	62,760
Federal	9,520	9,520	9,260
State	19,370	19,050	18,520
Local	34,970	34,280	34,980

LABOR FORCE
by County, by Region
May 1984

		1980 Population	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployment Number	Unemployment Rate
1.	Divide	3,494	1,859	1,806	53	2.9%
	McKenzie	7,132	3,617	3,507	110	3.0%
	Williams	22,237	12,557	12,070	487	3.9%
	REGION 1 TOTAL	32,863	18,033	17,383	650	3.6%
2.	Bottineau	9,338	4,516	4,371	145	3.2%
	Burke	3,822	2,212	2,125	87	3.9%
	McHenry	7,858	3,722	3,422	300	8.1%
	Mountrail	7,679	3,833	3,588	245	6.4%
	Pierce	6,166	3,316	3,212	104	3.1%
	Renville	3,608	1,721	1,667	54	3.1%
	Ward	58,392	25,234	24,145	1,089	4.3%
	REGION 2 TOTAL	96,863	44,554	42,530	2,024	4.5%
3.	Benson	7,944	3,402	3,130	272	8.0%
	Cavalier	7,636	3,932	3,762	170	4.3%
	Eddy	3,554	1,934	1,806	128	6.6%
	Ramsey	13,048	7,174	6,899	275	3.8%
	Rolette	12,177	5,232	4,679	553	10.6%
	Towner	4,052	2,514	2,453	61	2.4%
	REGION 3 TOTAL	48,411	24,188	22,729	1,459	6.0%
4.	Grand Forks	66,100	29,858	28,738	1,120	3.8%
	Nelson	5,233	2,941	2,815	126	4.3%
	Pembina	10,399	6,161	5,808	353	5.7%
	Walsh	15,371	8,951	8,604	347	3.9%
	REGION 4 TOTAL	97,103	47,911	45,965	1,946	4.1%
5.	Cass	88,247	48,602	47,501	1,101	2.3%
	Ransom	6,698	3,285	3,034	251	7.6%
	Richland	19,207	9,418	9,146	272	2.9%
	Sargent	5,512	2,753	2,652	101	3.7%
	Steele	3,106	1,583	1,557	26	1.6%
	Traill	9,624	4,951	4,798	153	3.1%
	REGION 5 TOTAL	132,394	70,592	68,688	1,904	2.7%
6.	Barnes	13,960	6,626	6,352	274	4.1%
	Dickey	7,207	3,881	3,803	78	2.0%
	Foster	4,611	2,302	2,205	97	4.2%
	Griggs	3,714	1,845	1,796	49	2.7%
	LaMoure	6,473	2,912	2,826	86	3.0%
	Logan	3,493	1,674	1,633	41	2.4%
	McIntosh	4,800	2,636	2,578	58	2.2%
	Stutsman	24,154	12,411	11,890	521	4.2%
	Wells	6,979	3,699	3,540	159	4.3%
	REGION 6 TOTAL	75,391	37,986	36,623	1,363	3.6%
7.	Burleigh	54,811	28,693	27,172	1,521	5.3%
	Emmons	5,877	2,720	2,527	193	7.1%
	Grant	4,274	1,977	1,888	89	4.5%
	Kidder	3,833	1,732	1,605	127	7.3%
	McLean	12,288	6,004	5,545	459	7.6%
	Mercer	9,378	14,381	13,828	553	3.8%
	Morton	25,177	13,147	12,376	771	5.9%
	Oliver	2,495	1,173	1,094	79	6.7%
	Sheridan	2,819	1,436	1,402	34	2.4%
	Sioux	3,620	1,438	1,365	73	5.1%
	REGION 7 TOTAL	124,572	72,701	68,802	3,899	5.4%
8.	Adams	3,584	2,082	2,044	38	1.8%
	Billings	1,138	864	847	17	2.0%
	Bowman	4,229	2,359	2,312	47	2.0%
	Dunn	4,627	2,158	1,982	176	8.2%
	Golden Valley	2,391	1,310	1,275	35	2.7%
	Hettinger	4,275	2,117	2,047	70	3.3%
	Slope	1,157	606	582	24	4.0%
	Stark	23,697	11,659	10,994	665	5.7%
	REGION 8 TOTAL	45,098	23,155	22,083	1,072	4.6%
STATE TOTAL		652,695	339,120	324,803	14,317	4.2%

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NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

	May 1984	April 1984	May 1983
FARGO—MOORHEAD MSA			
Total	64,090	63,300	62,640
Mining and Construction	2,680	2,220	2,640
Manufacturing	4,610	4,500	4,360
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	3,670	3,600	3,860
Wholesale Trade	6,630	6,590	6,510
Retail Trade	12,370	12,230	12,190
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	4,000	4,000	3,860
Services	16,580	16,670	16,010
Government	13,550	13,490	13,210
GRAND FORKS MSA			
Total	27,220	27,020	27,180
Mining and Construction	1,210	970	1,170
Manufacturing	1,080	1,310	1,320
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	1,560	1,550	1,660
Wholesale Trade	1,380	1,360	1,360
Retail Trade	6,160	6,100	6,120
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	1,020	1,010	1,020
Services	6,010	6,000	5,870
Government	8,800	8,720	8,660
BISMARCK MSA			
Total	35,880	35,320	34,820
Mining and Construction	2,260	1,870	2,280
Manufacturing	2,020	1,970	2,050
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	2,840	2,800	2,830
Wholesale Trade	2,470	2,470	2,430
Retail Trade	7,210	7,090	6,880
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	1,660	1,650	1,660
Services	9,510	9,690	9,080
Government	7,910	7,780	7,610